

Phase	Phase 1 Identify need and potential technical options	Phase 2 Evaluate technical options area of interest	Phase 3 Corridor identification	Phase 4 Preferred route identification	Phase 5 Environmental assessment	Phase 6 Detailed design and easement finalisation
Diagrammatic Example						
Area		Typically between 10 and 50 kilometres (depending on project scale)	Typically between one and 10 kilometres wide	Typically up to around one kilometre wide	Typically up to 200 metres wide (with the potential for wider area(s) up to one or more kilometres wide where further investigation may be required)	Typically around 80 metres (depending on project requirements)
Purpose	To confirm the project requirements and identify technical options to address those requirements	To investigate the range of technical options in order to define a prudent and efficient project solution that aligns with the identified functional requirements for the project within a broad area of interest.	To identify and assess feasible corridor or site location options within the area of interest based on community/stakeholder feedback and high level environmental, technical, social and cost considerations in order to identify a preferred corridor or site area.	To identify a preferred route for the project that can be used to undertake appropriate environmental assessment.	To further refine the route through specific landowner consultation and additional data gathered during the environmental impact assessment.	To finalise the project easement or site boundary in consultation with the landowner.
Engagement focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AEMO, AER, Energy Corporation of NSW Energy industry market State and/or Federal elected representatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner Public entities (e.g. Crown Lands, Forestry) Local Councils Targeted stakeholder representatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder Reference Group (a forum consisting of regional representatives to discuss decision criteria, options and test outcomes) Consultation with stakeholders regarding identified corridors and/or site options NSW Department of Planning and Environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Consultative Group (a forum of local representatives to discuss decision criteria, options and test outcomes) Potentially affected landowners Consultation with stakeholders regarding identified route options Broader community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Consultative Group Affected landowners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affected landowners.
Public Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Need Statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Specification Consultation Report (PSCR) Project Assessment Draft Report (PADR) Project Assessment Conclusion Report (PACR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corridor Options and Evaluation Report or Site Options and Evaluation Report Consultation with stakeholders regarding identified corridors and/or site options Preferred Corridor Report or Preferred Site Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route Options and Evaluation Report Preferred Route Report EIS Scoping Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIS / REF (feedback) Submissions Report (and if required Amendment Report) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing project communications
Decision	A solution is needed	Project solution is chosen (AER approval)	Corridor is chosen	Route is chosen	Narrowed route is chosen (environmental approval)	Easement alignment confirmed